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BRITISH LOSE 50,000 TROOPS IN BATTLES ON THE GALLIPOLI

"YES, I KILLED MY WIFE," DETECTIVE SAYS IN COURT AFTER REPEATED DENIALS

Leitner, Who Shot Wife in His Office, Declares He Did So When She Tried to Stab Him With a Hat Pin.

"Have you any statement to make?" asked Coroner Feinberg of Samuel Leitner, a private detective, who was arraigned at noon to-day in the Coroner's Court in the Municipal Building charged with murdering his wife, Sarah, yesterday afternoon in his office at No. 52 East Eighth Street.

Leitner, since his arrest at midnight, had protested that two men wearing gray caps had rushed into his office and shot and killed his wife while trying to kill him. These men, he said, were undoubtedly thieves he had run down in an investigation of robberies from trucks.

As Leitner stood in front of the bar the Coroner, Detectives Wood and Barbieri and newspaper reporters who had talked to him anticipated that he would repeat the story he had told so often following the discovery of the crime. Leitner suddenly braced himself and amazed his hearers by making a complete confession.

"I want to make a confession," he said slowly. "I killed my wife. I lied about the two men with gray caps. It wasn't a premeditated crime. She grabbed a revolver from my desk and threatened me. I took the pistol away from her and began to shoot and shot until it was empty. That is how it happened."

Leitner paused and moistened his lips. Then he launched into a long attack upon his dead wife's character. Two sisters of Mrs. Leitner who were in the courtroom began to sob, and their wailing was an accompaniment to the steady monotone of the murderer's confession.

"I am thirty-two years old," said Leitner, who is an undersized, narrow-chested man with dark, sunken eyes set close together. "My wife's name was Sarah Lubetaky. We were both raised on the east side. I married her more than ten years ago. She was very pretty then. I did not know when I married her she had been in the House of the Good Shepherd."

"HAD FIVE CHILDREN—WERE NEVER HAPPY."

"Our married life was never happy, although we had five children. She said I didn't make enough money and she wouldn't stay home and take care of the children. Six years ago she walked out of the house one day and didn't come back.

"I hunted all over for her and couldn't find her, so I took our three children to the Gerry Society. The So-

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TAMMANY LIKELY TO PICK EDWARDS FOR SHERIFF'S JOB

"I Have Had Many Favorable Reports on Him," Says Mr. Murphy.

SWANN, PROSECUTOR.

District Leaders Discuss the Probable Slate at Meeting To-Day.

All but four of the thirty District Leaders of Tammany stood in line before Charles F. Murphy's desk in the Fourteenth Street Wigwam this afternoon and one by one held whispered conversations with him about making up the local ticket for the autumn election. The most important office under consideration was the \$80,000-a-year job of Sheriff of New York County, which is likely to be handed to an outsider—"Big Bill" Edwards, colossus of Princeton College men and former Street Cleaning Commissioner of the city.

Mr. Murphy was asked before the talk whether any candidates had as yet been decided upon.

"Not by Tammany," he replied with a smile.

"Have you any idea who will be named for District Attorney?" was next asked.

"Not the slightest," he said. "But the Democracy hereabouts has many able men well capable of filling such a position."

"How about the Shrievalty? Are there many candidates?"

With a wave of his arm Mr. Murphy smilingly indicated the room full of men, who were awaiting a chance to talk with him.

"Hus—"Big Bill"—Edwards a chance," was asked.

"Mr. Edwards has many friends," said Mr. Murphy. "I have heard from a great many people as to his qualifications."

A meeting of Tammany executive committee has been called for to-morrow noon to pass final verdict on the political slate, which is now fairly settled excepting as to sheriff. Chief Murphy listened to-day to many leaders talk for and against Edwards. He did not commit himself definitely, but he asked two questions, namely: "What have you against Edwards? Who would poll more votes as a candidate?"

Among the names of candidates mentioned was that of Frank Downing, leader of the Democrats in the Board of Aldermen, who was suggested as a man on whom all party factions could unite.

William J. Lee, Supervisor of New York's athletic centers, also had many friends who wanted to see him be a candidate for the Shrievalty.

There is still the fear in Tammany that Bill Sulzer will make good his threat to run for Sheriff in an independent candidate and split the party vote as he did two years ago, particularly on the east side.

It was pretty well conceded at the Wigwam to-day that the organization could not afford to name a district leader for Sheriff. Some of the district leaders were outspoken for Edwards as a vote getter and others held back and wanted to know how he would treat the organization if elected.

As to District Attorney, Chief Murphy inclined strongly toward Judge Swann, now on the General Sessions bench, and a majority of the leaders agreed with him. The backers of Magistrate Corrigan admitted that Judge Swann had the better of the race and having eleven hours change would be endorsed.

There are six Supreme Court Justices to be named. Four names have been agreed upon by both Republican

POUNDS STERLING HIT NEW BOTTOM; TRADE IMPERILLED

Price Breaks to \$4.57 1-2 Over Night, Far Below Bankers' "Irreducible Minimum."

NEED \$500,000,000 GOLD.

Purchases in United States From Abroad Placed in Serious Danger.

A break in the value of the English pound sterling to \$4.57 1-2 to-day not only established a new low record, but brought the problem of foreign exchange to a serious point.

It was an overnight break of 3 1-2 cents and was 2 1-2 cents below the mark set weeks ago by bankers and financiers generally as the so called "irreducible minimum," which, when reached, would cause British buyers to seek other markets in which to place their orders for those imports obtainable elsewhere than in this country.

In this category are embraced food-stuffs, manufactured goods and many other products largely traded in—fact, almost everything save actual munitions of war.

No such violent break had ever before been recorded in the foreign exchange markets here. Recent shipments of gold to this city, including the arrival of \$19,500,000 from England, have been unavailing to change prices for the better. Bankers agree that vast sums of gold—not less than \$500,000,000—must be sent to even up the tremendous balance of trade.

Advantage of the low rate is being taken by insurance houses and other financial institutions to sell further blocks of American bonds, as the depreciation in these securities is more than balanced by the profit in exchange, even when the cost of insuring and shipping bonds is considered.

The big break in the value of the pound sterling means that English buyers, in addition to the top-market prices they are already paying for American products, must pay a premium of twenty-nine cents on every pound's worth of purchases, which is more than 5 per cent.

When pounds sterling broke to-day francs also were depreciated to within 1 cent of their previous low record of 6.06. Lire were at 6.52, 4 cents better than the lowest rates reached, and marks went to 80 3/4, an eighth of a cent above their lowest, but the same fraction below the closing quotation of yesterday.

and Tammany leaders. They are all serving on the bench now, as follows: Clarke (Republican), Greenbaum and Delehanty (Democrats) and Sheehan (Honest Independent). The Republicans have endorsed Justice Finch, just appointed, for the fifth man, and the sixth place is left open. It is question now for Tammany whether to endorse Finch and obtain Republican approval for a good Democrat in return or to go alone on the two places.

Judge Lorenz Zeller will be renominated by Tammany for the City Court bench and he will be the only German name on the ticket.

Yakima, Wash., Man Sought.

A committee of the Brooklyn Lodge of Elks asked Capt. Coghlan of the Detective Bureau to-day to search for F. J. Van Sieten of Yakima, Wash., who left that city nine weeks ago for Brooklyn, where his signature was needed in settling an estate. Mr. Van Sieten was to stop at the Clarendon Hotel in Brooklyn. He has not been there. The Elks Lodge in Yakima communicated with the Brooklyn Elks about his disappearance.

Detective Arrested for Murder And Wife Slain in His Office



SAMUEL LEITNER

DYNAMITING URGED ON GERMAN "PATRIOTS"

Handbills From Germany Offer Rewards for Blowing Up Munition Factories in U. S.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Fifty handbills calling on German and Irish "patriots" in America to help end the European war by dynamiting factories and railroads engaged in the manufacture and transportation of war supplies for the allies were turned over to the Postmaster here to-day by G. A. Hoehn, editor of a labor paper. The handbills were wrapped in copies of the Hanover Anzeiger and postmarked Blomberg, a small town near Hanover.

Postal authorities here do not take the handbills seriously. The bills were written in poor English and signed "The German Committee." They contain pretended offers of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to the "patriot who will help us annihilate our enemies."

Certain factories and railroads are designated for destruction.

58 STEAMERS SUNK IN THREE MONTHS; ALSO 9 SAILING SHIPS.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Lloyds quarterly report for the period ended Aug. 12 gives the losses to the British shipping from submarines and other hostile craft and from mines as 58 steamers, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 18,713, and nine sailing vessels.

100,000 BRITISH SOLDIERS IN GREAT TWO-DAY BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF DARDANELLES

Berlin Reports That in the Latest Encounter 600 Officers Were Lost, and That One Cavalry Division Was Nearly Wiped Out.

GREAT DRIVE TO PETROGRAD AIM OF GEN. VON HINDENBURG

BERLIN, Aug. 31 (by wireless to Sayville).—The British employed 100,000 men in their attacks on Turkish positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula last Saturday and Sunday, according to a despatch from Constantinople to the Frankfurter Zeitung. Their losses were extremely heavy. The correspondent estimates that since Aug. 6 the British losses have been more than 50,000.

According to the correspondent, the killed among the British troops in the fighting of Aug. 28 and 29 included about 600 officers. A cavalry division, he declares, was almost completely wiped out.

"British prisoners knew nothing of the fall of Warsaw and other Russian fortresses," said the despatch. "They had been told that the Russians held the entrance to the Bosphorus and were working toward a junction with the British. In contrast with the first months of the campaign, many British soldiers now voluntarily surrender themselves."

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Brig.-Gen. F. C. Lloyd has been wounded at the Dardanelles. His name was included among those of sixty-nine officers killed or wounded made public here to-day.

Russians Now in Flight From Both Grodno and Vilna

BERLIN, Aug. 31 (via Wireless).—Flight of the Russians from three important positions was announced to-day at the German War Office.

Military supplies are being withdrawn from Grodno, the last of the Russian fortresses in the north.

Vilna, only a day's march from the German lines, is being evacuated, and there are indications that Gen. von Hindenburg aims to smash his way toward Petrograd.

Gen. Mackensen has inflicted another severe defeat on the rear guard of the Russian army that was driven from Brest-Litovsk. He took 3,700 prisoners.

The War Office admits that Russian counter attacks have temporarily halted the Austro-Germans in Galicia. The Slavs have taken up strong positions along the Strypa River, east of Zlota Lipa, and have delivered several strong counter attacks.

PAY OF LEGISLATORS RAISED TO \$2,500

Constitutional Convention Votes 110 to 39 in Favor of Amendment—Railway Fare Added.

ALBANY, Aug. 31.—The Constitutional Convention to-day by a vote of 110 to 39 passed the proposition increasing the legislators' annual salary from \$1,500 to \$2,500 and allowing them actual railroad fares in traveling once a week to and from their homes.

Delegates Root, Barnes, Berri, Cullinan, Quigg, Brackett, Schurman, Steinbrink, S. K. Phillips and Hale were among those voting against the proposition.

German aviators report that the actual evacuation of Grodno may be begun at any moment. The Russians are preparing to fall back to the Lida Railway.

One of the German armies in the group commanded by Gen. von Hindenburg is moving on Grodno from the southwest and is within a few miles of the outer forts. The troops that captured Lipsk on Sunday are advancing on the western positions of the fortress. To the north another German army that occupied the Russian stronghold of Orlta is now withdrawing in striking distance of the railway running from Grodno north to Vilna.

The troops from the south and southwest of Grodno have reached the line of Novoyd and Kusnia, from ten to twelve miles from the city itself. They have taken 2,600 prisoners.

The Russians have surrendered their positions on the eastern border of Bielostatok Forest.

North of Brest-Litovsk the Bavarians under Prince Leopold have